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Wheat Yield Expected to be Up from Last Year

According to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service, the winter wheat crop in Maryland is expected to yield an average of 65 bushels per acre, based on May 1 conditions. This average yield, combined with harvested acreage of 180,000 acres, translates to an overall production level of 11,700,000 bushels, 6 percent higher than the harvest in 2001. The average yield is forecast at 2 bushels per acre higher than last year's final average of 63 bushels per acre. According to the Maryland Crop Progress and Condition Report, the condition of the wheat crop for the week ending May 5th was 32 percent excellent, 42 percent good, 20 percent fair, and 6 percent poor.

US Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.30 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2001. This is the lowest production since 1978. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.1 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 30.2 million acres, down 4 percent from last season. This is the lowest harvested acreage since 1917.

Winter Wheat

	Harvested (1,000 Acres)		Avg. Yield (Bu)		Production (1,000 Bu)	
	2001	2002 ¹	2001	2002 ¹	2001	2002 ¹
Maryland	175	180	63.0	65.0	11,025	11,700
United States	31,295	30,174	43.5	43.1	1,361,479	1,300,726

¹ Forecast

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